

Apr. 12, 2004 1:47PM

BASF SOUTHFIELD PATENT DEPT **RECEIVED**  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

No. 0455 P. 3

APR 12 2004

OFFICIAL

**PATENT**  
(Docket No. IN-5516)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Peter BETZ et al.

Serial No.: 09/914,545

Filed: August 30, 2001

For: Sol-Gel Coatings for Single-Layer or  
Multi-Layer Varnishes

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: William P. Fletcher

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being transmitted  
via facsimile addressed to Commissioner for Patents, PO BOX 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below to facsimile  
number 1-703-872-9306.

12 April 2004  
Date

Michael Morgan  
Michael Morgan

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 28, 2004, Applicants respond through  
their attorney as follows.